# The Caledonian Mercury.

*Edinburgh, Thurſday, May 18, 1727.*


*From the Flying Poſt, May 11.*

*Hague, May 15.*

WE have it by the Way of Paris That the Gariſon of Gibraltar has made another Succeſsful Sally; but they do not deſcend to Particulars; Preparations are making at Aix-la-Chapelle, to accommodate the ſeveral Miniſters that will be employed, and the Company that is expected in caſe of a Congreſs; ſeveral Perſons of Diſtinction are preparing to go thither; and the Lord North and Gray is already arrived there. Our laſt Letters from Petersburg, are in the ſtrain of the many that have been written from the ſame Place; they talk ſtill of bringing out their Fleet; of a large Embarkation of Troops; of Supporting the Duke of Holſtein's Pretenſions; of aſſiſting the Emperor; of invading Sweden, and chaſtizing the Danes; but the whole is put to the Score of Gaſconade, by thoſe here who are beſt acquainted with the Muſcovites, and know the preſent Situation of Affairs among them; who ſay perhaps all this may end, if the Confederate Fleet arrives ſafe in the Baltick, without the Ruſſians offering to ſtir out of their Ports, or ſo much as to ſtrike a ſtroke; as has always been the Caſe, upon the appearing of the Britiſh Squadron only.

By Letters from Francfort of the 8th Inſtant N. S. We have Advice of the Arrival of the 12,000 Heſſian Troops ſo often mentioned in the Electorate of Hanover; That the Army on that Side conſiſting now of upwards of ſix and thirty Thouſand Men, are ready to take the Field upon the firſt Notice; but the Proſpect of an Accommodation continuing, thoſe Troops as well as all on the Part of the Emperor, are forbid to march till further Orders.

*London, May 11.* From Antegoa 'tis written, in Letters dated the 16th of March, that the Succeſs Captain Martin, and the Pine Aple, Capt. John Reid, were freighted to carry the Goods for London belonging to the South Sea Company's Ship the Royal George, and that they were to be ready for ſailing by the 20th of April, under the Convoy of the Kingſale Man of War; That two Spaniſh Sloops from St. Domingo in Hiſpaniola, lately took at Sta. Cruz, an uninhabited Iſland near Porto Rico, a Brigantine, the Endeavour of Antegoa, John Williams Maſter, the Allida of Newark, Philip Cochran, the Eagle of Perth, Ambey George Frazer Maſter, the Lord Hart of St. Chriſtophers, the Charles of Nevis, and another Veſſel; and that the Spaniards Effects were detained till they ſhould releaſe the aforenamed Veſſels. The South Sea Caſtle Man of War, Captain Delgarno, put to Sea from Antegoa, for St. Domingo, in order to reclaim the ſaid Veſſels.

*Prices of Goods at Bear-Key Yeſterday.*

Wheat 23 to 33 per Quarter. Rye 19 to 20. Barley 17 to 19 6. Oats 18 to 22. Horſe Beans 18 to 22. Boiling Peaſe 23 to 27. Pale Malt 20 to 25 6. Brown Malt 20 to 22 6. Tares 17 to 23. Old Hopes 15 to 36 s. per Hundred. New Hopes 54 to 72 s. Coals 22 to 23 s. per Chaldron.

*From the Amſterdam Gazette, May 15.*

*Rome, April 26.* To-morrow the Pope takes Journey from Benevento, in order to return hither.

*Venice, May 3.* We hear that the *St. George*, a Malteſe Ship of War, has drove on Shore at Malaga an Algerine Veſſel, with 90 Men on board, who were all ſeized by the Spaniards.

They write from Genoa, That the Duke of Liria went thence the 25th paſt for Rome; where the Chevalier de St. George is expected the 25th of this Month.

*From the Supplement to the Amſterd. Gazette, May 15.*

*Parma, April 28.* Among other Changes which our new Duke has made in his Houſhold, he has appointed a Scots Dominican for Confeſſor to the Court.

*Vienna, May 3.* The Miniſter of Pruſſia has declared here, That the Troops which the King his Maſter deſigns to ſend to the Neighbourhood of Cleves, ſhall not occaſion any Umbrage to the Palatine Court, with relation to the Dutchies of Juliers and Bergue, theſe Troops being purely deſign-

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ed for the Defence of his own Country. 'Tis assured that the Emperor is the rather inclin'd to a Peace, for that it will facilitate the Election of a King of the Romans, and which will be followed with the Marriage of the eldest Caroline Archdutchess.

*Hanover, May 9.* They write from Berlin, that the Count de Rothenbourg, Minister of France, has been charged with an important Commission from his Court, and whereupon the Prussian Court was forthwith to declare itself.

*From the Evening Post, May 11.*

*Hanover, May 8,* Great Preparations are already making here for the Reception of the King of Great Britain, who is expected here about the Middle or latter End of next Month.

*Vienna, May 3.* The Emperor has, on account of the present Situation of Affairs, summoned to Laxemburg his principal Ministers of State. Another Courier is arrived from Spain, with new Bills of Exchange. We still entertain Hopes of a Congress. Mean time Orders have been sent to the rest of the Imperial Regiments to be ready for marching.

*Rome, April 26.* The Pope having written a Letter with his own Hand to the King of Portugal, expressing his great Trouble that he cannot give a Cardinal's Hat to Mr. Bichi; because the whole Sacred College have protested both by Word and Writing, That they will never own him for such: And his Holiness having likewise requested his Portuguese Majesty to desist from the Nomination in that Prelate's Favour, and to permit him to retire into Spain, from whence he may be able to write a submissive Letter to the Sacred College; we hear that his Portuguese Majesty was so well satisfied in the obliging Terms of the said Letter, that he immediately permitted Mr. Bichi to return to Spain.

We have receiv'd Advice by Land from Constantinople, That the Grand Signor has issued from his Treasury eight Millions of Reals, vigorously to carry on the War in Persia, whither as many Troops as can be spared, are sending to reinforce the Ottoman Army, and enable it to subdue Ispahan.

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*Wyld's Letter verbatim, London, May 13.*
*Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.*

THE King is expected in the House of Parliament next Monday, and 'tis said Designs to go abroad about the 5th or 6th of next Month, That the Lord Viscount Townshend is already preparing to set out for the Hague, to concert Measures for the ensuing Campaign. The Forces which were settled last Thursday by his Majesty in Council to be transported to Holland, consists of 7668 Foot; and 2124 Horse and Dragoons. S. S. Stock is fall to 101. Mean Time we cannot learn that the Emperor has actually rejected the last Proposals; it may not be improbable that his Imperial Majesty, when he sees the Allies of Hanover are fully determined not to admit of any further Delays, will oblige him to a Compliance within the Time limited, rather than engage in a War, especially with such Powers as are so firmly united, and so very superior in strength to him and his new Allies, that he can have but little Grounds to hope for Success.

We are told, that the French Ambassador at Vienna has positive Orders to leave that Court, in case the Emperor refuses to comply with the eight preliminary Articles last sent to him. And as to the King of Prussia, the Emperor can have no Dependence upon him, so long as the Affair of the Succession to the Dutchies of Bergues and Juliers, remains unfixed.

Private Letters from Paris mention, that Colonel Armstrong, who lately arrived there from the Court of G. Britain, has been in Conference with some of the French Ministers of State, for settling the Operations of the Campaign, which will commence upon the first Notice given of the Emperor's Refusal of the last Proposals; which contain in Substance, That the Ostend Company's Charter shall be suspended for 7 Years, as also the Commerce of the Netherlands to the East Indies; likewise, the Privileges of Trade granted to the English, Dutch, and French, as well to the Indies as in Europe, shall be restored to the same Foot as before 1725; That the other Rights and Possessions shall remain as regulated by the Treaties of Utrecht, Baden, and the Quadruple Alliance; That the Northern Powers shall be invited to enter into pacifick Measures; That immediately after signing these Articles, all Hostilities shall cease, the Ostend Ships return without Molestation, as also the Galleons; and that the British Squadron shall return from America; and that there be a Suspension of Arms for seven Years, in order, during that Time, to make the Peace of Europe firm and lasting.

Yester-

Yesterday the Lords in a Committee went through the Cochinel Bill, which recites, That the Commodity by the Laws in being, can be imported but from Spain, or the Places of its Growth, and that British Ships are not at present admitted into the Ports of Spain, or the Territories thereto belonging, so that this Kingdom is not like to be furnished with a sufficient Quantity thereof, to the great Prejudice of the Woollen Manufactures, and Encouragement for Foreigners, unless some Provision be made for the free Importation of Cochineel, during the Interruption of the Commerce with Spain; wherefore the Bill enacts, That after the 20th of May 1727, during the Space of six Months, it shall be lawful to import Cochineel in any Ship belonging to Great Britain, or any Kingdom or State in Amity with his Majesty, from any Port whatsomever; which Bill their Lordships this Day passed, as also that for Sale of the forfeited Estates in Scotland, and that for improving the Manufactories there.

In the Article from Vienna by the Holland Mail just arrived, it is assured that the King of Spain has left entirely on the Emperor, to grant what he thinks necessary to the Allies of Hanover, in order to holding of a Congress, to which End he was even disposed to raise the Siege of Gibraltar if it should be thought necessary. This occasioned the Stocks to rise 2 per Cent.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, May 13.*

*Cologn, May 13.* The Imperial Troops being in full March for these Parts, from whence they are to proceed to the Austrian Netherlands, Commissioners have been sent to meet and conduct them thro' the Dutchy of Bergen.

*London, May 13.* The Forces nominated to go abroad are as follows: 12 Companies of the 2d Regiment of Foot Guards; the English Regiments of Kirk, Wood, Delorain and Harrison; the Irish Regiments of Tyrawley, Pocock, Murray, Grove; the Regiments of Dragoons, of Gore, Campbell, Churchill and Honnywood. Total Foot, 7668. Total Dragoons, 2124. In all, 9792. The Commanders are, Lord Orkney, Duke of Argyle, Generals; Lord Cobham, Lord Stairs, Lieutenants-General; Delorain and Honnywood, Majors General; Churchill and Ker, Brigadiers of Dragoons; Wood, Pocock and Kirk, Brigadiers of Foot.

The Earl of Orkney, and the other Generals to command the Forces design'd for Flanders, are getting ready their Equipages with all Expedition.

We hear the Earl of Berkly is to command the Squadron that is to convoy his Majesty to Harburg, and that same will consist of one Ship of 70 Guns, four of 60 Guns; and two of 40 Guns.

*From the Evening Post, May 13.*

*Vienna, May 3.* All the Officers belonging to the Regiments in Silesia and Hungary, are ordered to repair to their respective Posts by the 16th Instant. Repeted Orders have been sent to all the Imperial Regiments, to keep themselves ready for marching.

*London, May 13.* His Majesty's Departure for Hanover is fixed for the 4th of June next: His Majesty, we hear, will be accompanied thither, and afterwards to Flanders, by the L. Townshend, the Dukes of Argyle, Grafton, Richmond, and Hamilton, the Earls of Orkney, Scarborough and Albemarle, together with a great many other Noblemen and Persons of Quality.

*From the Whitehall Evening-Post, May 13.*

*Brussels, May 12.* Upon the Receipt of a Courier from Vienna, all our Officers are commanded to repair to their respective Posts by the 16th Instant; and Orders are issued for providing a vast Number of new Muskets and Broad Swords. The Reports of a speedy Congress at Nancy begins to vanish, though the Rumour continues of his Imperial Majesty's Inclinations to Peace.

*From the Amsterdam Gazette, May 20.*

*St. Petersburg, April 26.* The River Neva is now navigable, being entirely free of Ice. The warlike Preparations both by Sea and Land, are continued here; and we wait but for the Return of a Courier dispatched to Vienna, that we may know when the auxiliary Troops commanded by Scottish General Lesley, shall begin their March.

*Prices at Glasgow, May 10.*

Best Meal, 6 l. 13 sh. 4 d. per Boll.
Best Bear, 6 l. 10 sh.

*Prices at Air, May 13.*

Meal, 7 l. 8 sh. per Boll.
Oats, 7 l. 10 sh.
Bear, 7 l. 6 sh. 8 d.

*Prices at Perth, May 13.*

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| Best Oat Meal, | 5 l. 12 sh. | 2d Sort, | 5 l. 6 sh. 8 d. |
| Best Bear Meal, | 3 l. 12 sh. | 2d Sort, | 3 l. 4 sh. |
| Best Oats, | 5 l. 6 sh. 8 d. | 2d Sort, | 5 l. |
| Best Pease, | 5 l. 6 sh. 8 d. | 2d Sort, | 5 l. |

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*Stamp Office, April* 28, 1727.

THE Commissioners for managing His Majesty's Stamp-Revenues do hereby give Notice, That by a Clause in an Act of this Session of Parliament, intitled, *An Act for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, &c.* it is (*inter alia*) Enacted to the Effect following: That for the Relief of all Masters and Mistresses, who have omitted to pay His Majesty's Duties of Six Pence in the Pound for every Sum of fifty Pounds or under, and of Twelve Pence in the Pound for every Sum amounting to more than fifty Pounds, Given, paid, contracted, or agreed for, or any Part thereof, with Clerks, Apprentices or Servants, within the respective Times limited by the several Acts of Parliament in that Case made, or who have omitted to insert and Write in Words at Length in the Indentures or other Writings, containing the Covenants and Agreements relating to such Clerk, Apprentice or Servant, the full Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, received or in any wise directly or indirectly given, paid, agreed or contracted for, with or in Relation to such Clerk, Apprentice or Servant, all such Masters and Mistresses are Acquitted and Discharged of and from all Penalties incurred by Reason of such Omissions, upon Payment of the said Rates and Duties on or before the 24th Day of June, 1727, and tendering the said Indentures or other Writings to be stamped at the same Time, or at any Time on or before the 29th Day of September, 1727.

*Stamp-Office Edinburgh, May* 18th 1727. *By Order of* VENTRIS COLUMBINE, *Head Distributor and Collector of His Majesty's Stamp Duties in North Britain.*

*By Order of the* MAGISTRATES *of this City.*

His Majesty's PLATE of One Hundred Guineas will be run for on Monday the Twenty sixth of June next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding that's no more than Six Years this Grass, to be certified under the Hands of the Breeder, or some Persons of Credit; carrying 12 Stone English, Saddle and Bridle included; the best of Three Heats. All the Horses to run must be book'd with the Clerk of Leith the Saturday before.—— And on Tuesday the Twenty seventh of June next, the City of Edinburgh's PLATE of Fifty Pounds Value, will be run for on said Sands, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding carrying Ten Stone English, Saddle and Bridle included, the best of Three Heats. The Horses which are to run, being Four at least, must be at Leith Ten Days before, and book'd with the Clerk on Monday Forenoon before, paying two Guineas each at Booking.—— And on Wednesday Twenty eighth, a PLATE of Thirty Pounds will be run for on said Sands, upon same Conditions with the City Plate. The Clerk of Leith will show the Articles at large betwixt and the Races, being as usual. N. B. After each Race, there will be small Prizes run for. The Horses to be kept in such Houses in Leith as did contribute for the last Plate.

¶¶ That there are several fresh Coach-mares, some with Colts or Fillies at their Feet, begot by the Danish Horse HAMLET, belonging to the Earl of Haddington, to be seen and sold by Robert Hog at Tynningham.

¶ *¶ That this Day being the 18th of May Instant at Ten of the Clock before Noon, there are to be rouped and sold for ready Money, at reasonable Rates to the highest Bidder, in the House of the deceast George Cuming Vintner in Edinburgh, the Liquors following, viz. In Cask, Claret, French White wine, Rhenish and Mum; In Bottles, Burgundy, Champaigne, Frontiniack, Burrobar, Old and New Strong Claret, White-wines, Canary, Xerry, Arrack, Arrack Punch, Orange-Wine, and Florence Vin de Gout; Small Bear in Cask and Bottles, Spaw-water, and a great deal of empty Bottles and Casks. The Roup to continue every Day from 10 to 12, and from 2 to 6, till all be sold.

*¶* There is to be sold by voluntar Roup upon the 15th of June next, in the House of William Dick Vintner in E. Edinburgh, at Three after Noon, the Lands of NEW-GRANGE (some prior Acres) and POLDUFF, lying in the Shire of Fife near to St. Andrews, of free Rent, 97 Bolls 6 Firlots Bear, 15 Bolls, 3 Firlots, 2 Pecks Oats, 22 L. 3ssh, 8 d. of Money, and 40 Hens. Any who incline to purchase, may inquire for Mr. Alison Writer to the Signet at his Chamber in Carrubber's Close, where they may be satisfied as to the Rental and Progress.

+++ There is to be sold by voluntary Roup, upon the 23d of May Inst. in John's Coffeehouse, betwixt four and six Afternoon, a LODGING, consisting of an Hall, Kitchen, four Fire Rooms and two large Closets, all well lighted, with a large convenient Cellar, and a large Flower'd and Kitchen Garden and Summer-house therein, with several other Conveniencies all capable of great Improvements; with several other Dwelling Houses, and a draw Well thereto belonging, all within the Close called Deacon Pour's Close in the South Side of the Cowgate, opposite to the Kirk-heugh, a little below the Meal Market, all for 23 L. 8 sh. 4 d. Sterling Yearly free Rent. The Progress of Writs and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of William Brown Writer, at his Lodging near to the Head of the Presidents Stairs.

¶¶ That the Danish Stallion called HAMLET, lately belonging to the Earl of Hadington, is now in the Possession of Alexander Dudgion Farmer in Tyninghame; and is to be let out at Guinea, and half a Crown to the Keeper the first Leap, and half a Guinea for every Leap afterwards; the said Alexander has likewise a gray Stallion of the Arabian Brood, that he lets out at a Crown a Leap, and Sixpence to the Keeper.

[¶] There is to be sold, in the Shop at the Golden Ball in the Cowgate, a Parcel of extraordinary fine ENGLISH CHEESE, at very reasonable Rates.

†§† That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held the 3d Inst. did unanimously agree to raise a Tenth Part of their Capital Stock, and did order the same to be paid in to their Treasurer on or before the 15th Day of June next: With Certification of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament erecting the Bank.